

Milford Recreation Commission
September 12, 2012

Attendees:

Walter Smith
Rick Mossey

Claudia Lemaire
Joan Dargie

Nicole Banks
Heather Romeri

Liz Snell
Scott Hembrow

Minutes:

Joan makes a motion to approve the August minutes as amended, Liz seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Liz accepts the minutes for August as amended, Heather seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Milford Mustangs- Nicole received a phone call from an abutter at Adams Field. Nicole asked the abutter to put the concerns in writing, which was done. The town, after some research, is using the field correctly as per town ordinance. The Milford Mustangs are having a Tuesday, Thursday evening, and Saturday morning schedule. They are permitted to use the lights for evening practice and the lights are currently used until 8:30PM. There is a sign at Adams that states the park closes at 8:00PM, which does not hold true according to the ordinance. The sign will be removed. The lights are bothering the abutter. The portable lights have been moved another 15 feet from the abutters house, the exhaust end of the lights have been turned to face the woods, helping to eliminate smoke and noise caused by the lights. Sound deflectors are available for the lights. Nicole suggests putting the deflectors around the lights to eliminate complaints from the abutter. There are 107 students in the football program including cheerleaders. The group used to play at the Hampshire Dome but wanted to rent the Town's Fields instead to save money so they can get new uniforms/supplies and to give the money they pay in fees directly back to the community. The commission is in full support of the football team but we are concerned about the condition of the field. Keeping the mowing high will help to reduce grass burn. The mustangs will seed, aerate, and fertilize the fields upon the end of the season to minimize the impact that has been done on the grass.

Walter will phone the abutters and double check that their needs are being met.

Scott makes a motion that the reservation for the Milford Mustangs practice at Adams Field is appropriate per town ordinance, Walter seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Walter Smith- Recreation Master Plan Committee- Met September 5th, to discuss the mission and vision statement for the Master plan for the recreation department.

Director's Report

Financial Report- revolving fund balance- \$49,219.17

Scholarships 2012- summer 2012 total scholarships-\$2,628.00 (2011- \$1585.00)

Programs:

- Fall recreation Guide- available to the public and on the website
- Senior Coffee Holiday Luncheon- full meal provided, volunteers will be December 12th at noon.
- Kids carnival- huge success with 200 participants-Kaley Park Fundraiser
- Park to Park 5k and fun run- will be at Keyes Park, on Sunday September 23rd. This is a Kaley Park Fundraiser. Volunteers have been reviewed and jobs confirmed, we need more race route volunteers.
- Coed Wooden Bat Softball Tournament – Keyes Park on Sat and Sun. September 29th and 30th. This is also a Kaley Park Fundraiser with food and t-shirt vending.

Fields/Facilities

Keyes Park

- Fletcher site clean-up
Temp. parking area is shifted from the lower softball field to the closer soccer field.

Shepard Park ice rink- Plans have slowed down. Nicole is asking for a sub-committee.
Joan makes a motion for a sub-committee, Walter seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Discussion Items:

Fee waiver request-SVU has a soccer use request for Kaley Park- In 2007 SVU relocated some electrical wires at Keyes Field. The cost for SVU was in total \$10,000. There was a contract for the 50/50 Electrical Payment Plain and Field Usage Agreement with The Town of Milford. The contract allows SVU 2,000 hours of field usage at Keyes Field over the course of several years; this usage was for the “in kind” service of paying for the electrical relocation. SVU has a fee waiver request for soccer use at Kaley Park through a private organization. After much discussion the commission is not comfortable allowing the request for a private organization to use Kaley Park through SVU’s contract. **Scott makes a motion that the contract with SVU does not cover a private out of town organization to use Kaley field without fees, Walter seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.**

Marion Crane- a big thank you for her assistance with swim team and swim meets.

Program Coordinator Position

- BOS meeting update
- Recreation commission- letter of support full time program coordinator position with commitment to share 50% salary only.

- The commission will continue to support 50% of the salary for a part time, and if approved during the budget season, a full time employee.

There is no new business.

Meeting adjourned at

9:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by,
Claudia Lemaire
Secretary, Recreation Commission